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In response to the Final Office Action dated October 19, 2007 and in anticipation of the appeal for the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit the following:

Amendments to the Claims as set forth in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2.